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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 3 as follows:

5. (Amended) Monoazo metal complex compound containing composition of Claim 1 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula